



CONNECTICUT'S GOV. JOHN DEMPSEY RECEIVES PURPLE ASTER

Grand Trustee Mary E. Romano, New London, pins Order's official flower, the Purple Aster, to lapel of Governor Dempsey at ceremonies in the Governor's office. High point of the visit was the issuance of a Columbus Day proclamation in which the Governor asked citizens throughout the state to wear the color purple on Columbus Day. Mentioned in the proclamation was the Order's work in memorializing Columbus Day each year. From left to right, Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven; Grand Trustee Romano, Supreme Trustee Anthony J. Toro, Torrington; Governor Dempsey, Grand Financial Secretary James V. Novaco, Danbury, and Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk.

Florists Aid Order's Project

"Purple" Gets Wide Publicity

The Order's "wearing of the purple" in observance of Columbus Day this year was given widespread publicity in the United States and Canada by the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.

The National Committee on Public Relations, through its chairman, A. Alfred Marcello, has worked in close concert with the association since the early part of 1961.

Officials of the florists group at that time acknowledged the importance of the Order's project and expressed a willingness to be of assistance in promoting the "wearing of the purple" for Columbus Day.

Late in September the association, through its public relations representatives in New York City, issued a press release to 450 women's editors through-

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"Purple Aster" Room Opened In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—The Sons of Italy Club 611 has inaugurated the new Purple Aster Room, according to announcement by Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, house committee chairman.

A three-day program highlighted the opening which included concert, entertainment and the final elimination contest for the selection of the Columbus Day Queen.

New Law Will Aid Immigrants, Unite Families

Following closely on the heels of the recent Supreme Convention, President Kennedy signed into law immigration bill S. 2237 which allows approximately 18,000 immigrants to be reunited with their families in this country.

Atty. Samuel A. Culotta of Baltimore, Grand Venerable of the Maryland Order and National Chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee, reporting on the legislation, said that "about 9,000 Italian immigrants will be reunited with their families here under the new law."

The Order's immigration chairman made the following observations relative to the measure:

"The passage of this bill signifies but a small improvement in the immigration laws. At the expense of a number of strengthening amendments as to exclusion and deportation, the new law could conceivably lead to injustices in some cases.

"Nothing was done to eliminate the infamous and discriminatory national origins system, mortgage-

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Kennedy Names Two Members to Federal Court

Two members of the Order Sons of Italy in America have been named to the Federal bench by President Kennedy.

Atty. Alfonso J. Zirpoli of San Francisco, city supervisor, and Atty. Alfred L. Luongo of Philadelphia, city councilman, have been appointed Federal District Court judges.

Judge Zirpoli, a member of the Order since 1928, has held several offices on the local and Grand Lodge levels, including the office of Grand Venerable.

Judge Luongo is a member of the Germantown Lodge. At 41, he is one of the youngest ever to reach the Federal bench and becomes the first Italian-American Federal judge in Pennsylvania.

Judge Zirpoli, a practicing attorney for 33 years, has been city

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Some Campaign Highlights

The Home Front

SUPREME VENERABLE'S APPEAL: Drives lose their force and initiative if prolonged unduly, Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano cautions. In a plea for an "early and successful completion" of the Order's National Memorial Home fund campaign, the Supreme Venerable indicates he will call a meeting soon of the trustees of the Sons of Italy Foundation to review progress of the drive.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS: Campaign enters new phase with proposed solicitation of every member in the Order on a house-to-house basis. Each member will be asked to contribute \$5.00 by special committees to be named on a local level for this purpose.

SPECIAL EVENTS AID FUND: In Boston some 800 persons attended a Columbus Day dinner honoring Gov. John A. Volpe, national home campaign chairman. The proceeds will be turned over to the Sons of Italy Foundation. In Bridgeport, Conn., \$250 was raised for the Foundation, proceeds netted from an affair sponsored jointly by Bridgeport lodges.

The goal, \$400,000 — total funds raised to date, \$73,310.26.

House-to-House Canvass

New Phase In Campaign

State Chairmen of the Sons of Italy Foundation-National Memorial Home fund drive have been asked to institute a house-to-house solicitation of all members in each Grand Lodge in an all-out effort to raise the national quota of \$400,000.

The directive was issued in a letter to all State Chairmen by the drive's National Executive Secretary, A. Alfred Marcello.

This action was taken following consultation with Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, national chairman of the fund drive.

Marcello urged each State Chairman to "dedicate yourselves to this phase for the next several months."

Elaborating on the house-to-house phase of the campaign, Marcello said:

"We are calling on every member of the Order to contribute \$5.00 to the drive through the purchase of a Marble Block certificate.

"Our plan is simple and one we believe will prove highly successful. We have called on all State Chairmen to instruct all lodges under their jurisdiction

to form committees for this house-to-house campaign.

"We have asked that membership on these committees be sufficient in number for each committee member to call on only 10 members of his lodge.

"We feel, with only 10 members to call on, that the committee member will follow through with his assignment and will be successful in soliciting a contribution of \$5.00 from each of them through the sale of a marble block."

In commenting further on the importance of member participation, Marcello said:

"We as members of the Order have taken on a project of far-reaching importance to the future well being of the Order.

"The success of our Sons of

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Kennedy Tribute To Columbus

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Kennedy, in his first Columbus Day proclamation to the nation last month, called on Americans to mark the 469th anniversary of the discovery of America with appropriate ceremonies.

The President, who also directed that the United States flag be displayed on all public buildings on October 13, said:

"The intrepid spirit and steadfast faith which sustained this great explorer on his venture into the unknown are a constant inspiration to us as we seek to achieve even greater accomplishments in every human field of endeavor . . ."

Responsibility of Communities

Communities have a moral responsibility to observe holidays to the letter of the law.

That's the considered judgment of Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio of Massachusetts.

Holidays, however their genesis, according to the Massachusetts Grand Venerable, should be observed "seriously" and "with dignity."

"Let us do it seriously when we observe designated holidays. Let us have our holiday and let us pay tribute to those we honor."

These views were expressed by Grand Venerable Donadio at a Columbus Day dinner in Boston. And they obviously were inspired by the welter of confusion which marked the observance of Columbus Day as a state holiday for the first time in the history of the Bay State.

In some communities business went on as usual, while in others there was a complete shutdown of mercantile and manufacturing activities.

Some of the confusion stemmed from ignorance of state regulations, but in many cases the so-called Sunday "blue-laws," which now apply to Columbus Day, were circumvented by the issuance of special permits by city and town officials which allowed stores and factories to remain open.

The day before the Columbus Day holiday the office of the Order's National Public Relations Chairman was flooded with calls from Sons of

Italy members in the Bay State. In each case the National Public Relations Chairman was asked to make "strong representations" to those officials who were ignoring the law governing the Columbus Day holiday. National Chairman A. Alfred Marcello immediately consulted key officials of the Order in Massachusetts.

Because the Massachusetts situation could well have repercussions on a national scale it was decided:

1.—To lay the groundwork for a program which will aim to avoid a repetition in 1962 of the confusion which attended this year's first observance of Columbus Day as a full-dress state holiday.

2.—That the program be implemented by positive action early in 1962 which will bring into play the full force of every Sons of Italy lodge in Massachusetts to see that Columbus Day in 1962 is observed to "the letter of the law" along the same lines as Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day.

The National Public Relations Committee will collaborate with the Massachusetts Order on all phases of this program.

And on the basis that what happened in Massachusetts could well happen elsewhere in the United States, members throughout the Order will be kept posted on all developments.

The Supreme Venerable's Thinking

Excerpts From Two Recent Speeches

Here are excerpts of talks given by Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., of New Haven, Conn., at Columbus Day observances held at Ossining, N. Y., and Philadelphia, Pa.

Columbus Day Project

Here is a project (Columbus Day) for the Order Sons of Italy in America to spearhead. I call upon all the Supreme Officers, the Grand Venerables and Grand Officers, Venerables and Officers and the entire membership to enter into this campaign with all of their vigor, spirit and enthusiasm. Every State of the Union in which there is a lodge should conduct an all-out campaign to obtain the vote of their U. S. Senators and Congressmen in the next session of the Congress to secure the passage of this legislation.

I invite all organizations interested in this project to join with us. We are not seeking the credit. We are merely seeking the assistance in a joint undertaking to do what should have been done years ago.

Why should historians praise Columbus so? Why should our speakers who attend our banquets, who are of every racial strain and nationality, speak out so lavishly in their praise of this great man and his outstanding achievement? Yes, why should we have all of this oratory and all of our magnificent parades year after year and yet fail to have this ultimate and true recognition — the declaration of Columbus Day as a national holiday.

To continue in this fashion is an indictment of hypocrisy of the worst kind. This we must overcome. I say it can be done and should be done, and I promise to devote much to accomplish this in the next session. The groundwork must be done now. We must contact our leaders in Congress now that they are at

home resting before the opening of the second session in January 1962.

Sons of Italy Foundation

You all know of the Sons of Italy Foundation and our dream to have a national office in our own building in Washington. This needs no sales pitch. Our national chairman, Governor Volpe of Massachusetts, has helped us greatly. We cannot let him down and we cannot let ourselves down. After these Columbus Day celebrations are completed, I intend to call a meeting of the Committee and the Grand Venerables to relive the entire drive. I think we may need some new ideas. I appeal to each and everyone of you, to please send in any thoughts that you may have on how we can successfully meet our quota and put the drive over the top nationally...

I want this drive to be a success before I complete this term of office at our Cleveland convention. I will claim no personal credit. I cannot do it alone. Much has already been done through the good efforts of so many. Much more will have to be done. It can be done, and you know it can be done more easily if a really determined and sustained drive is carried out in a short space of time. Drives lose their force and initiative if prolonged unduly.

My only interest is to see the Order complete the job. Let's get it done so that we and all our friends, regardless of nationality, can go to Washington and enjoy this new building and all it will provide.

Wearing of Purple

... We have developed the "wearing of the purple." This is another noble project of the Order. I am happy to note that other organizations have concurred in this project. In Connecticut, our Governor, the Hon-

orable John Dempsey issued an official statement calling upon all the citizens to wear purple on Columbus Day. This was done in conjunction with the local Unico and Knights of Columbus organizations. The statement received statewide coverage in the press, radio and television. My hometown newspaper, the New Haven Register, on Sunday, for the first time carried an editorial endorsing the wearing of purple on Columbus Day.

While purple is being worn throughout our country and Canada it is still not enough yet. The splash is missing. It must be equal to the "wearing of the green." Do you see how proud the Irishman struts on St. Patrick's Day as he wears his "bit o' green"? I commend them for this genuine enthusiasm and very real and deep feeling. This is what we must somehow capture. We need find the spark. This is another project to be realized by next Columbus Day. We want our stores filled with purple of all sizes and description that the human imagination can conceive. We must think big and act big. Once again I want all the organizations to participate. I say credit is to be damned. Let's get the job done, and done right, and then let's all take credit.

Public Relations Work

Our National Public Relations Committee has done a very fine job of defending the good name of the Italians. There are some who feel this may be unnecessary. I could not disagree more vehemently on any other proposition than this one. No one in this great country should be ridiculed publicly as we have witnessed the ridicule of our Italian people on television, radio and in our press. Humor and satire within proper and accepted standards is not within our complaint. The portrayal of historical fact and nothing more is also not within our

Emphasis On The 'Wearing Of Purple'

A number of Columbus Day proclamations issued in various communities placed strong emphasis on the Order's "wearing of the purple" campaign.

Among proclamations issued was one by President Kennedy.

Connecticut

HARTFORD, Conn. — Gov. John N. Dempsey urged the "wearing of the purple" on Oct. 12 in tribute to Christopher Columbus.

In his Columbus Day proclamation, he said: "Purple, color of royalty, is a fitting symbol to use in honoring one who contributed so much to the advance of civilization."

Governor Dempsey, in listing several organizations, mentioned the work of the Sons of Italy in memorializing Columbus Day.

Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD.—Mayor J. Harold Grady in his Columbus Day proclamation called on the citizens of Baltimore to display the color purple in observance of Oct. 12.

The Mayor also noted in his proclamation that the color purple is the official color of the Order and that his Committee for Columbus Day had also adopted the color purple.

Judge Vito A. Marino, Supreme Trustee, was chairman of the

Mayor's committee. Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta, chairman of the Order's Immigration and Naturalization Committee, was vice chairman of the city's Columbus Day program.

Ontario

WELLAND, Ont.—The Grand Lodge of Ontario fostered the "wearing of the purple" in the Ontario province last month when Welland's Mayor Michael Perenack proclaimed Oct. 8-14 as "Wearing of the Purple" week in tribute to Christopher Columbus.

The Mayor issued the declaration at the request of Grand Administrative Secretary Josephine Lavey, provincial chairman of public relations, and the Dante Lodge.

Attending the ceremonies in the mayor's office with Mrs. Lavey was Venerable Peter LoBosco of Dante Lodge. Mrs. Lavey had also directed other lodges in Ontario to press for similar action in their respective areas.

The Dante Lodge also held a Columbus Day dance at the Casa Dante.

right to complain. However, what has been produced is not worthy of the dignity and greatness of America. It is shameful and disgraceful and we are bound by honor and good conscience to speak forth.

Those who attended the Supreme Convention heard Dr. Joseph Lichten, Director of Foreign Affairs Dept. of A.D.L. of B'nai B'rith. I now want to publicly acknowledge the valuable assistance and truly fraternal affection demonstrated by this organization, towards our organization and our problems. I look forward to a strengthening of these ties and to a greater participation together on common problems. I also wish to pay a special tribute to our National Chairman, A. Alfred Marcello, who developed this association so well and to whom we owe a great deal for so much good work and fine results.

To those of you who did not have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Lichten nor of reading his splendid address, I would quote but two paragraphs.

First he advanced this thought: "As a philosophy, cultural pluralism denies the assumption that there is one white Protestant Anglo-Saxon American culture, fixed once and for all by our colonial ancestors." Remember, recognition must be given to all who have constructed what is today the American heritage, the American culture, the American civilization.

Secondly he said: "With great satisfaction and relief we can state here today that thanks to your ceaseless efforts definite progress has been made in the fight against the unfavorable image of the Italo-American presented in television programs."

Dr. Lichten said much more and I advise you to read it in the OSIA NEWS September issue.

I call your attention again to his statement, "definite progress has been made." We are on the right track, but the job is not finished.

Once again I call on everyone to be alert to this problem and bring to the attention of our National Chairman any instance of questionable activity. We must proceed with caution. We want to be right. We wish to have properly documented proof before we seek to condemn.

This is not a matter of clamor to create noise only. There is no desire to develop a mob hysteria. We seek an orderly solution to this problem by seeking to prove to those responsible the errors that they are committing.

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Television Network 'Spanked' By FCC

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

That the Order has been on the "right track" in its approach to the problem of building up the image of millions of Americans of Italian origin, was clearly demonstrated in two important developments in recent weeks. Television programming was involved in each case.



MARCELLO

In one incident the Federal Communications Commission reprimanded the American Broadcasting Co., for not informing TV viewers than an episode on Al Capone in "The Untouchables" series was fictional. In the other development the American Tobacco Co., announced that it was relinquishing sponsorship of "The Untouchables" because of "many complaints" from TV viewers.

On the basis of the record it would be quite in order for us to say "we told you so." The files of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations show that almost two years ago we warned the American Broadcasting Co., that the Desilu Studios, producers of "The Untouchables" program was taking liberal theatrical license with established truth. And this policy would sooner or later come back and haunt them. We said on a number of occasions that time would show the efficacy of our arguments.

The Federal Communication Commission's reprimand of ABC underscores this point. The FCC told the network that it was "clearly derelict" in failing to make clear that a prison transfer on the Al Capone program did not conform to the facts.

The FCC agreed with Federal Prisons Director James V. Bennett that the depiction of Capone's transfer from Atlanta Federal Penitentiary to Alcatraz put the United States prison system and some of its employees "in an unfavorable light."

In spearheading the Order's campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people" the Sons of Italy National Committee on Public Relations has not once lost sight of the most important facet in our attack. And this is the incontrovertible fact that television and Hollywood has tampered with history and in so doing has brainwashed a generation of young impressionable minds to accept fiction for fact.

We stuck by this decision in the face of strong pressure from other groups who sought to enlist the Order in taking part in a series of moves which have since proven to be irrational and as well as ill-advised.

We stood pat and we stood more or less alone in our approach to the problem. But time has proven we were right; the Order has won warm praise from persons in high places for its "intelligent" approach to a "very delicate problem."

Another important target we have attacked throughout our campaign have been those TV programs which are heavily larded with sex and violence.

And here, too, we argued that time would be a factor. Sooner or later the public reaction would be felt. Obviously the decision of the American Tobacco Co., to quit "The Untouchables" series was prompted by adverse publicity given to the program and its sponsors.

Among other things, the tobacco company spokesman said that the company objected to scenes of violence in TV programming and specific reference was made to a sequence in "The Untouchables" series in which a number of Mexican girls were massacred.

It's Now Frank M. Tropea

Philadelphia Lodge Renamed

PHILADELPHIA — A dinner highlighted the dedication of the new charter granted the newly named Frank M. Tropea Lodge.

The lodge name, formerly the Mario Rapisardi Lodge, was changed in honor of the late Frank M. Tropea, founder and first venerable, who also had served as president of the Grand Lodge Mortuary Fund Commission.

Robert Tropea, public school principal, has been elected venerable to succeed his father.

Others at the dedication ceremonies were Mrs. Anna Tropea,

window of the founder, and Dr. Frank Tropea, another son.

Speakers included Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Nicholas Cipriani, FUM president, and Senate President Anthony J. DiSilvestro.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Blagi was toastmaster. Charles DiMambro was program chairman.

Guests included Salvatore Teruso, FUM treasurer; Joseph A. Valeo, president of the Hospitalization Fund; Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo; Grand Trustee Joseph L. Monte and Grand Deputy John Bonanno.

Letter From Atty. General

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Order's National Public Relations Chairman by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. The Attorney General's letter is in answer to inquiry as to the role men of Italian origin have in the Federal government in law enforcement.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is in response to your request of August 14, 1961, that I send you a list of Americans of Italian origin who are helping to combat organized crime in the United States.

Because of the large number of individuals who might be mentioned in this regard, I will name only a few of those in my own Department who are actively engaged in the drive against organized crime. Some of the individuals who come readily to mind are Mario Noto, Assistant Commissioner for Investigation in our Immigration and Naturalization Service, John Sprizzo and Louis Scalzo, our Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, and Silvio Mollo, Chief of the Criminal Division in the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York. Without naming them I would like to call your attention to the numerous agents of our Federal Bureau of Investigation who are doing outstanding work in this area. Also, several of our United States Attorneys are outstanding lawyers of Italian origin who are playing important roles in our drive against organized crime.

I would not attempt to name those individuals outside this Department who have made significant contributions in this field. However, I am certain you are aware of the number of such individuals with the Bureau of Narcotics, the Internal Revenue Service, the various federal and state investigative committees, local and state prosecutors' office and in various other public and private capacities.

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
Attorney General

Philadelphia Banquet

Supreme Venerable Is Speaker

PHILADELPHIA — Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., and Italian Ambassador Sergio Fenoaltea were principal speakers at a Columbus Day banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel which climaxed a five-day celebration.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, was toastmaster. He was introduced by State Senate President Anthony J. DiSilvestro, who was dinner chairman.

Assistant Grand Venerable James Iannucci was executive chairman of the five-day pageant.

The celebration began with a memorial mass in St. Rita's Church.

An afternoon parade, led by parade marshal Councilman Paul D'Ortona attracted thousands of spectators.

All Italian-American organiza-

tions and city departments were represented.

Other highlights of the observance included the selection of a Columbus Day queen, Miss Irene Ranalli; awarding of scholarships and wreath-laying ceremonies.

Earlier on the day of the banquet, Public Properties Commissioner Fred T. Corleto led a motorcade to the Columbus Monument at Fairmount Park for the annual ceremonies honoring the memory of the discoverer of America. Supreme Venerable Ottaviano addressed the gathering.

Grand Deputy Varaldi Heads Pa. District 19

HAZELTON, Pa. — Grand Deputy James Varaldi has been named president of District 19 at elections held in the Hazelton Lodge quarters.

Other officers are Carl Romanelli, vice president; John DiPronio, secretary, and Michael Giarizzi, treasurer.

Trustees from each of the four lodges in the district are: Hazelton — Peter Sidari, Carmen Romanelli, Rocco Lench; Lattimer — Moses Monteforte, Nick Coggiano, Philip DeLazio; Freeland Men's Lodge — Anthony Citro, Patsy DeFeo, Peter Vitaliano; Freeland Women's Lodge — Lena Sandoro, Mary Cusatis and Gertrude Opert.

The district will hold a memorial mass in honor of deceased members on Nov. 19 at St. Mary's Church in Lattimer. A breakfast and program will follow the mass.

Erie Lodges In Tribute To Di Tullio

ERIE, Pa. — Hector DiTullio was honored as an "outstanding Sons of Italy member" at the 21st annual dinner-dance held Columbus Day by Erie Men's Lodge



No. 921 and Adelaide Carroll Ladies' Lodge No. 1097.

The recipient, assisted by his wife, Angelina, a trustee of the women's lodge, has sponsored many card parties and dinners for the benefit of the local lodges.

Speakers were Atty. Louis Glasco, Pittsburgh; Anthony Candela, Ashtabula, Ohio, and Grand Trustee Guy Mammolite. Venerable Frank J. Anastasi was toastmaster. Mayor Arthur J. Gardner issued a Columbus Day proclamation.

Membership Goal is 1,000

MONTREAL, Que. — The Grand Lodge of Quebec is presently conducting an intensive membership campaign. Its goal is to recruit 1,000 new members.

As an added incentive, the Grand Lodge is offering two free trips to Italy as prizes in the membership campaign.

In other activities, members and friends of the nine lodges comprising the Grand Lodge of Quebec attended the 13th annual Italian Day sponsored by the Grand Lodge at Belmont Park.

Highlights of the day-long program included games, sports competition, a band concert and entertainment.

Grand Council members attending were Grand Venerable Alfredo Gagliardi, Assistant Grand Venerable Guglielmo Remiggi, Grand Orator Frank Vanli, Grand Recording Secretary Luigi Marandola, Grand Financial Secretary Giovanni Cattapan, Grand Treasurer Antonio Intini, Grand Trustees Enrico Pasquale, Vincenzo Massone, Gentile Dieni, Antonio Nobili and A. Cristofaro.

Venerables of the nine lodges attending were Gustavo D'Errico, Flavio Lodge; Giuseppe Greco, Diaz Lodge; F. Figuzzi, Anita Garibaldi Lodge; M. C. Castellani, Concordia Femminile Lodge, V. Frascarelli, Galileo Galilei Lodge; G. Villani, Monterosa Lodge; D. Lemmo, Marche Lodge; G. Esposito, Giovanni Caboto Lodge, and G. Frare, Littorio Lodge.

Caiazzo Named To D.A. Staff

PHILADELPHIA — Anthony J. Caiazzo, a member of Custodes Pacis Lodge, has been appointed an assistant district attorney. President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, administered the oath of office.

Other members of Custodes Pacis Lodge attending the ceremony were Asst. Dist. Atty. Armand Della Porta, Atty. Charles Peruto, Asst. Dist. Atty. Domenick Vitulli, Emil Bucceroni, investigator in the district attorney's office, and Police Sergeant Anthony Melchiorre.

Induct 6 Members At Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — Longfellow-Metropolitan Lodge No. 1876 has announced the induction of six new members.

Recently initiated were Jennie Rose DeAngelis, Anna DeAngelis, Mr. and Mrs. Vito Maraglia and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Grosso.

Quebec Order Sponsors "Christmas In Italy" Tour

MONTREAL, Que. — The Grand Lodge of Quebec will conduct a "Christmas in Italy" tour next month.

The group, approximately 100 members, will leave by Alitalia jet early in December for a month's visit in Italy.

The tour is open to members and their families. Grand Recording Secretary Luigi Marandola is in charge of arrangements.



SAIL ON . . . Joseph Cervetto, a member of Vita Nuova Lodge, portrays Christopher Columbus in last month's three-day celebration held in San Francisco. Carole Selby, left, and Barbara Boccone view crown which was presented to the Columbus Day Queen. The landing of Columbus was re-enacted as a climax to the celebration.

San Francisco Celebration

SAN FRANCISCO — Re-enactment of the landing of Christopher Columbus, a coronation ball, a parade, wreath-laying ceremonies and a banquet were highlights of this city's annual Columbus Day celebration.

John DiMassimo, grand deputy of Vita Nuova Lodge, was president of the three-day observance.

Participating in the celebration were some 55,000 Italo-Americans, the largest national group in the city.

The Grand Lodge placed a wreath at the foot of the Columbus Statue atop Telegraph Hill. Atty. Rose M. Fanucchi, president of the Grand Lodge Press and Radio Commission, was co-chairman of the civic ceremony.

Other members of the California Order who took part were:

Grand Trustee Fay Sola, chairman of the Queen contest; Mrs. A. Boyd Puccinelli, chairman of the Champagne Coronation Ball at deYoung Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park; John P. Figone Jr., chairman, and Boyd Puccinelli, co-chairman of the

banquet held at the Fairmont Hotel; John P. Figone Sr. was in charge of guests; George Cerasi, Religious committee; William Marsico was co-ordinator of the three-day event, and Achille H. Muschi, served on the program committee.

The observance was coordinated with the San Francisco Committee for the Centenary of the Unification of Italy, under the chairmanship of Ex-Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, newly appointed U. S. District Court Judge.

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supervisor since 1957. He is a graduate of the University of California and its School of Jurisprudence. He was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1941.

He is a former assistant district attorney of the city and county of San Francisco and served for an 11-year period as Assistant U. S. Attorney for the northern district of California.

Judge Zirpoli is a recipient of the Republic of Italy's Star of Solidarity Medal.

Judge Luongo's first job following his graduation from University of Pennsylvania Law School was as law clerk to Federal Judge Thomas Clary.

Last month Judge Clary administered the oath of office to his former law clerk.

Speakers at the ceremonies included U. S. Sen. Joseph E. Clark, Mayor Richardson Dilworth, Council President James H. J. Tate, Benjamin Segal, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association, and Vincent McDevitt, chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

A Profile and A Close Look

New Supreme Venerable

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The Order's new Supreme Venerable, Atty. John Ottaviano Jr., of New Haven, Conn., has long held the belief that he owes "a great deal to the Order."

"The Order has given me much," he has often stated. The import of those words were given full expression when Brother Ottaviano, at the age of 43, was elected to the Order's highest office last August.

And if the culmination of a cherished dream fulfilled needs bolstering, Brother Ottaviano notes with justifiable pride that his marriage to the former Miss Olga Rita Leiss is directly attributed to his membership in the Order.

He recalls his first assignment following his election as Assistant Grand Venerable in 1945.

He traveled to Willimantic to preside at the initiation of a group of young men. On arriving he called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leiss, Mrs. Leiss being the Venerable of Princess Yolanda Ladies' Lodge. It was there he met Olga, his wife-to-be. The Ottaviano's have two children, Carla, 9, and Gerald, 4.

Brother Ottaviano, in the 28 years he has been a member, has made notable strides in his rise to the top office.

His first association with the Order was at the age of 16 when he became a member of the New Haven Junior Lodge.

In his senior year at Yale University in 1938, Ottaviano, an honor student in the study of Italian, won first prize for an essay in Italian on Dante's "Divine Comedy" awarded by the Connecticut Grand Lodge. A year earlier he had placed second in the Grand Lodge contest.

He joined the adult Elm City Men's Lodge No. 1738 while in college. The lodge soon after merged into the New Haven Lodge No. 37.

His first elective office in the lodge was that of recording sec-



JOHN OTTAVIANO JR.
Supreme Venerable

retary. He was later elected assistant venerable, venerable and grand delegate.

Within a year following his graduation from Harvard Law School and his admittance to the Connecticut Bar in 1941, Brother Ottaviano entered the U. S. Army. He served with the Office of Dependency Benefits and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain and awarded the Meritorious Service Plaque.

While still in uniform, delegates at the 1945 Grand convention elected him Assistant Grand Venerable. He was reelected in 1947 and again in 1949.

Two years later, at the age of 33, Ottaviano was elected Grand Venerable and held the distinction of then being the youngest to hold such office throughout the country.

As Grand Venerable, Ottaviano represented the Connecticut Grand Lodge at the 1951 Supreme Convention held in Boston and the 1953 Supreme Convention in Tampa, Florida.

At the Tampa convention Supreme Delegates elected Brother Ottaviano to the office of Su-

preme Orator. As the legal officer of the Order he proved adept and concise in the conduct of the office.

He was reelected in 1955 at the Philadelphia Supreme Lodge convention. And in 1957, at the Supreme Convention held in San Francisco, Brother Ottaviano was elevated to the second highest office in the Order, that of First Assistant Supreme Venerable. He was reelected in 1959 for an additional two years.

Prior to his election as Supreme Venerable, Brother Ottaviano had held the chairmanship of several national committees. Among them were the Order's youth committee and the committee on Italian culture.

Aside from his duties on the Supreme Council, Ottaviano also undertook the chairmanship of the Sons of Italy Foundation-National Memorial Home fund drive in his state.

As Supreme Venerable he now assumes the presidency of the Sons of Italy Foundation.

Supreme Venerable Ottaviano credits an earlier success in public office to his membership in the Order. In 1954 he was elected Connecticut State Treasurer and served for four years.

In other civic activities he is a member of New Haven's Council for the Italian-American Heritage Foundation and has been state co-chairman of the American Committee on Italian Migration for the past three years.

Aside from his practice of law, Supreme Venerable Ottaviano is Family Relations Officer of the newly created New Haven Circuit Court which is now part of the State Court System.

Supreme Venerable Ottaviano, who will chart the Order's course and direct its activities for the next two years is calling on all members of the Order to assist him in "moving our Order ever forward and onward to that supreme post amongst all organizations."

Illinois

John Spatuzza Is Justinian Society Head

CHICAGO — Assistant Grand Venerable John D. Spatuzza has been elected president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers, a group composed of lawyers of Italian descent residing in Chicago and Cook County.

The 36-year-old attorney, son of Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, was honored with other society officers at a reception and dinner held in the quarters of the Chicago Bar Association. He is a member of the law firm of Spatuzza, Yedor & Buckley.

During the past three years he has served as secretary, treasurer and vice president of the society.

Prior to his election last July to the office of Assistant Grand Venerable, Brother Spatuzza had served the Grand Lodge as a grand trustee and grand orator.

Canton, Ohio Columbus Day

CANTON, Ohio—A large gathering attended the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by William McKinley Lodge No. 1628 in the lodge quarters.

Speakers included Mayor Frank Celeste of Lakewood, and Venerable Anthony Oliveri. Guests were Mayor and Mrs.

Charles L. Babcock, Judge John Rossetti and Dr. John DiVito.

Bob Rufo was chairman and Tom Fussillo, co-chairman, Angelina Palumbo was advertising chairman.

The lodge also held a Halloween dance.

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WELLAND, ONT., "WEARING OF THE PURPLE" WEEK—Mayor Michael Perenack signs declaration declaring week of Oct. 8-14 as "Wearing of the Purple" week. Looking on are, Venerable Peter LoBosco of Dante Lodge, and Grand Administrative Secretary Josephine Lavey, provincial chairman of public relations.



ASBURY PARK, N. J., PRIZE-WINNING FLOAT—Depicting the landing of Columbus, the float entered by Mt. Carmel Lodge of Asbury Park, N. J., was awarded first prize at separate Columbus Day celebrations held at Asbury Park and Long Branch. Patsy Fortunato, lodge member, portrays Columbus. The float was designed by Grand Trustee Ernest Castellucci.

COLUMBUS DAY ACTIVITIES IN THE ORDER



SCHENECTADY, N. Y. LODGES OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY—Principals at buffet supper and dance sponsored by Sons of Italy Men's Lodge No. 321 and Cornelia Ladies' Lodge No. 1980. From left to right, Grand Trustee Joseph Bologna, Mrs. Donald Bottigliere, co-chairman; Mrs. John DeSarbo, venerable; Venerable Salvatore Sammo, Mrs. Frank A. Bengo Sr., grand trustee, and Nicholas Morsillo, general chairman.



ALTOONA, PA., MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION—Mayor Roy F. Thompson signs proclamation for Columbus Day calling on citizens to wear purple. Left to right, Assistant Venerable Marcelle Safasso, Grand Trustee Jerry C. Risoldi, Venerable Albert Evangelisto and Mrs. Nettle Lardieri, chairman.

IMMIGRATION LAW

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ges on quotas, and provisions that still prevent the reuniting of families because of strict quota requirements."

Culotta called for more effective leadership on the part of President Kennedy and "leaders of both political parties if campaign promises are going to be fulfilled."

The provisions of the new law follows:

1. Issuance of special non-quota immigrant visas to certain eligible orphans adopted or to be adopted by U. S. citizens. This provision also made a permanent immigration law.

2. Laws governing the exclusion and deportation of aliens and naturalized citizens were strengthened to meet the need for expedition, orderly venue, and avoidance of repetitious court proceedings.

3. Removal from visa applications of any reference to the designation of the race and ethnic classification of the applicant.

4. Adjustment of certain immigration quotas which will be necessitated upon the emergence

of new independent nations from the Western Hemisphere and Asia.

5. Strengthened provisions with respect to exclusion from entry of aliens who have entered into fraudulent marriages for the purpose of evading the law.

6. Modifies the provisions of existing law relating to the exclusion of aliens who are afflicted with tuberculosis, leprosy and other contagious diseases.

7. Made permanent the granting of waivers of the tubercular ground of exclusion in cases of certain relatives of citizens and resident aliens.

8. Made permanent provisions relating to the waiver of grounds of admissibility and deportability in the cases of certain close relatives of citizens and lawfully resident aliens involving convictions for minor criminal offenses and fraudulent misrepresentations in connection with visa or admission applications.

9. Restored to the immigration law that illegality in the procurement of naturalization is a ground for revocation of naturalization.

10. Extends to the spouse or

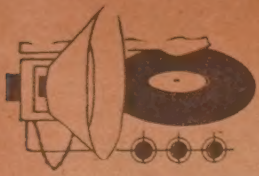


ASHTABULA, OHIO—Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano Jr., center, was principal speaker at Columbus Day banquet sponsored by the city's three lodges. Left to right, Thomas Vocca, general chairman; Bernard Roskovich, co-chairman; Ottaviano; Mary Benedict, co-chairman, and State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, Grand Venerable. The lodges also sponsored first Columbus Day parade in the city's history.

child of a citizen spouse or parent the benefits of the law to citizens that go abroad for retirement, under certain conditions, so as not to lose their nationality by residence in a foreign state,

11. Grants non-quota status to certain relatives of citizens and lawful residents who were beneficiaries of approved petitions filed in their behalf with the Attorney General prior to July 1, 1961.

This last provision will allow approximately 18,000 immigrants to be reunited with their families in the United States.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

London Records has done it again. This enterprising studio has released a new series of recordings called "phase 4" stereo. And if you are looking for an exciting and stimulating experience then these new recordings are your meat.

The technical side of these recordings is much too complicated to explain here. Suffice to say that "phase 4" recording lifts stereo out of the gimmick or ping-pong stage to new heights.

Here is recording at its best. There is sonic clarity and clean separation between the two speakers. The music selected for the first of these "phase 4" releases are admirably suited to two-speaker, left-right reproduction. This is particularly so in the album "PASS IN REVIEW." This recording simulates a passing parade. Close your eyes and you are there. There are marches of many nations on one side of the album, including the march, La Ritirata Italiana.

Side two is devoted exclusively to marches of the United States, climaxed by a rousing finale of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

You'll hear the roar and cheers of the crowds, the zooming of jet planes overhead and the marching feet of famous troops such as Bersaglieri, Australian cavalry, the Grenadier Guards and contingents from Scotland, Ireland, Germany and France.

This album is the showpiece of the new London line and we certainly concur with others in their evaluation that PASS IN REVIEW may well be the greatest stereo recording ever made. Other "phase 4" releases include:

EXOTIC PERCUSSION: Stanley Black and his orchestra playing Temptation, Baia, Jungle Drums, Adieu Tristesse, among others.

MELODY AND PERCUSSION FOR TWO PIANOS: Featuring the London artist, Ronnie Aldrich who plays such favorites as To Each His Own, Secret Love, April in Portugal.

THE PERCUSSIVE TWENTIES: Eric Rogers and his orchestra; a repertoire of song hits of yesteryear. These include Tiger Rag, Whispering, Black Bottom, Me and My Shadow, Chicago and Who?

BONGOS FROM THE SOUTH: The talented Edmundo Ros and his orchestra in a pleasing performance of Lisbon Antigua, Deep in the Heart of Texas, In a Little Spanish Town, Taboo, Moon Over Miami and Brazil.

BIG BAND PERCUSSION: Ted Heath's Orchestra performing a dozen or so popular songs. These are topped by Blues in The Night, Peanut Vendor, Mood Indigo and Thou Swell.

Another 'Capriccio'

And now there are 24.

With Columbia's new release of Tchaikovsky's CAPRICCIO ITALIEN the number of listed recordings of his favorite works by the Russian composer total 24. There may be others, of course, but this number represents recordings which are available at the moment. A good portion of these have been done in stereo.

The Columbia recording features Leonard Bernstein and The New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Bernstein is one of our favorite conductors and he can't do anything wrong as far as we are

concerned. His reading is competent throughout. The sound is excellent.

On side two of the album is another Tchaikovsky composition with an Italian setting — FRANCESCA DA RIMINI. Bernstein and his orchestra give this score an inspired interpretation.

Civil War Songs

A number of songs which became popular during the Civil War and, for that matter, are still popular today are sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in the Columbia recording SONGS OF THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. The choir performs with distinction under the direction of Richard P. Conde.

The repertoire comprises Aura Lee, Tramp, Tramp, Tramp The Boys Are Marching, Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds, Dixie, The Battle Hymn of the Republic, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, and Lorena.

U. A. Albums

United Artists has two new releases which make for pleasant and relaxing listening DANCING ON SUNDAY features the music of Greek composers and was recorded in Greece. The music is on the lush side and the sound is exceptional.

GREAT MOTION PICTURE THEMES has the sound track music from Never On Sunday, Porgy and Bess, Moulin Rouge, Gone With the Wind, and One Eyed Jacks.

The performers include such personalities as Marilyn Monroe, Louis Armstrong, Andre Previn, Don Costa and Al Caiolo.

The music is quite easy to take. And the sound is tops.

Eileen Farrell Pops

Eileen Farrell takes another fling at pop singing in the Columbia release, HERE I GO AGAIN. The audiophile who liked Miss Farrell in her first venture into the pop field surely will want to buy this new recording. She treats each song individually, giving the melody and lyrics her own interpretation.

The selections include The Man I Love, Foggy Day, Taking a Chance on Love, and I Got It Bad.

Capsule Reviews

STEVE LAWRENCE GOES LATIN—With the able assistance of Don Costa and his orchestra, Lawrence gives a smooth performance of a dozen favorites topped by Shall We Dance, Just In Time, The Sound of Music and Hello Young Lover. (United Artists).

SPANISH SONGS AND DANCES IN MOTION: Jose Greco and his dance company in a Columbia recording that shall please all those who have a yen for Latin music and particularly for those who find Greco's recorded interpretations entertaining.

1108 Initiated In Pennsylvania Member Drive

PHILADELPHIA — The induction of 43 new members in the past month has raised the current total to 1108 recruited in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's membership drive.

Benjamin Curcuruto, who has sponsored 51 new members, is the individual leader.

Other leaders are Frank Nicoletti, 39; C. Spalletti, 27; Victor Rotundo, 26, and Mary Sica, 25.

A roundtrip by jet to Italy will be awarded to the individual sponsoring the largest number of members, over 200.

FLORISTS

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out the country publicizing the "wearing of the purple" project.

The release noted that the Purple Aster, the official flower of the Order, was going to be displayed at Columbus Day parades and banquets throughout the country.

The release also offered decorative suggestions to display the flower to advantage.

In addition the Florists' Telegraph Delivery included an article on the Order's Purple Aster in its weekly FTD News Letter which is sent to 11,000 members in the United States and Canada.

The Order's project also received added publicity in Professional Florist, a trade journal published by Art in Flowers Publishing Co. Inc., of New York City.

The publication credited the Society of American Florists with calling attention to the Order's purple project and urged florists to stock up on the flower.

The article also carried the name and address of National Chairman Marcello, who could be contacted for additional information on the project.

Illinois

750 Attend Grand Lodge Celebration

CHICAGO — More than 750 persons attended the 37th annual Columbus Day dinner and dance sponsored by the Illinois Grand Lodge at the Palmer House.

Speakers included Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella and Dr. Giacomo Profilli, Italian consul general.

Assistant Grand Venerable John G. Spatuzza was toastmaster.

Grand Orator Martin Buccieri was dinner chairman, assisted by Grand Recording Secretary Vito Signorelli and Grand Council members. Grand Treasurer Michael Clifone was program book chairman.

The color purple was worn by guests and was used in the decorations throughout the hall.

Grand Trustee Dominick M. Alberti's orchestra played his composition, Hymn to Christopher Columbus, which was sung by Enrico Clausi. The Illinois Symphony Band, under his direction, participated in the parade held earlier in the day.

Letters From Our Readers

IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

WINCHESTER, KY. MEMBER ANSWERS APPEAL

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

In complying with your appeal in the October issue for more support for our OSIA NEWS, enclosed herewith please find my little contribution of \$2.00 in the hope that all members of this great organization will contribute to this splendid cause.

Yes, I believe that the OSIA NEWS reflects the spirit and conscience of our organization.

I am a member in good standing for the past 40 years of Raffaello Sanzio d'Urbino Lodge of McComas, W. Va. For four years I was Assistant Grand Venerable of West Virginia.

In observing my 82nd birthday, I sincerely wish tremendous success for this great organization.

Harry E. Colosimo, Winchester, Ky.

REQUESTS AID IN RECRUITING MEMBERS

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

The membership committee of Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge No. 494 is in the process of formulating a new "Membership Kit" to be presented to new applicants at the time they are initiated into our lodge.

I would like to receive from you, if possible, five or six copies of the OSIA NEWS each time it is published. A copy of the current issue will be included in each new kit.

Venerable Lawrence A. Ragone, O.D., Camden, N. J. (Copies of the September and October editions have been sent and subsequent issues will be sent monthly to assist the lodge's membership drive. Editor).

ASKS HOW TO GET ON MAILING LIST

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

At one of our recent lodge meetings one of the older members spoke very highly of the OSIA NEWS. I have been instructed by my lodge to find out how our newer members may be able to receive the OSIA NEWS.

I am interested in the answers to the following: Who is eligible to receive the OSIA NEWS? What must one do to subscribe? What are the fees?

Also enclosed is a \$10 check for the holiday ad.

Recording Secretary Rocco P. DeTeso, Winchester, Mass. (A reply has been sent to Brother DeTeso. Editor).

MEMBERS ENJOY OSIA NEWS IN TULARE, CALIF.

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

Enclosed is check for \$5.00 for an ad in OSIA NEWS for holiday greetings. The Stella d'Italia Lodge No. 1498 of Tulare, Calif., wishes great success to OSIA NEWS and if you can spare a few more copies some of our members would like to have them. As for the ones that get it we sure enjoy reading it.

Recording Secretary Anna Leone, Tulare, Calif.

Massachusetts Junior Division

Fall Conference Scheduled

WORCESTER, Mass.—The Massachusetts Junior Division will hold its Fall Conference on Nov. 19 at the Mt. Carmel Recreation Center here.

Edward Pucci, East Boston, acting commission president, will preside at the one-day conference. In attendance will be commission members and supervisors of junior lodges throughout the state.

An afternoon conference, a Mass and a dinner followed by dancing will round out the program.

A. Alfred Marcello, of this city, director of OSIA NEWS and national chairman of the Order's Public Relations Committee, will be principal speaker at the dinner.

Miss Linda Marinello, vener-

able of the Worcester Girl's Junior Lodge, will be toastmistress at the dinner.

The Rev. Fr. Alphonse G. Palladino, Brighton, Mass., junior division chaplain, will be celebrant at the Mass to be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Father Palladino is an instructor at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

Assisting with arrangements are Miss Gladys T. Bello, venerable of Princess Maria Gabriella Ladies' Lodge No. 313, and Miss Angela M. DiMauro, junior commissioner.

Amedeo Volpe At Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. — First Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe of Schenectady, N.Y., was the main speaker at the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by the two Worcester Lodges.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester, Supreme Recording Secretary Modest S. Mele of Ev-

erett, and Atty. Robert N. Scollis, recipient of the lodge's 1967 Achievement Award.

Guests included Past Grand Venerable John Guarino of East Boston, Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone of Newton and Grand Trustee Nicholas DiConza of Fitchburg.

Miss Gladys T. Bello, venerable of Princess Maria Gabriella Lodge No. 313, was toastmistress.

Recognition For Palleria

Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria of Paterson, N. J., has been accorded the title of Ex-Supreme Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

This action was given unanimous consent by delegates at the recent Supreme Convention in Washington, D. C., following a speech made by President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

Grand Venerable Alessandrini, in asking for recognition of Brother Palleria as an Ex-Supreme Venerable, recalled the service of Brother Palleria as interim Supreme Venerable from 1916-17.

Brother Palleria will also receive the Ex-Supreme Venerable's plaque from the Supreme Lodge.

Within three months after his election as Assistant Supreme Venerable in 1916, Brother Palleria became interim Supreme Venerable with the departure of Supreme Venerable Dr. V. Buffa, who left for Italy and service with the Italian army.

Palleria served as Supreme Venerable until September 1917 and presided at the Supreme Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. The convention that year was attended by 709 supreme delegates, largest number ever to attend a Supreme Convention. Lodges then were entitled to one supreme delegate.

Brother Palleria, a veteran member since the early days of the Order, has held office on the Grand and Supreme Lodge level for almost as long as the Order has been in existence.

In 1909, just four years after the founding of the Supreme Lodge in New York, Brother Pal-



FRANCESCO PALLERIA
Grand Venerable

leria was elected Supreme Financial Secretary and served until the 1910 Supreme Convention.

Within a year after leaving the Supreme Lodge position, Brother Palleria's diligence and effectiveness as an organizer resulted in the founding of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1911. He was elected its first Grand Venerable and served for two terms until 1915.

A year later he was named Assistant Supreme Venerable and then served 21 months as Supreme Venerable in the absence of Dr. Buffa.

The same year, in 1917, he was again elected Grand Venerable of the New Jersey Order. He was re-elected to two additional terms and served until 1923.

During this six-year period Brother Palleria established the

Mortuary Fund in 1919, for which he prepared its constitution and by-laws.

In 1924 he founded the Grand Lodge's Orphan's Home in Nutley. He became its first president and has continued to serve in that capacity to the present time.

It was also in 1924 that he was made a Cavaliere Officiate of the Crown of Italy.

His work for the New Jersey Order continued undiminished, and in 1932 he was again named to the office of Grand Venerable. He has been re-elected by acclamation at every succeeding Grand convention.

In 1935 Grand Venerable Palleria founded La Fiamma, the Grand Lodge publication. He was named director and today continues in the same capacity.

He was honored for his work on behalf of Italy in 1947, when the Italian Government presented him with the Stella al Merito della Repubblica Italiana.

Grand Venerable Palleria's work for the welfare and advancement of the Order continues without interruption. He continues to serve as chairman of the OSIA NEWS Committee, a position he has held for the past several years.

And, more recently he assumed the chairmanship of the Sons of Italy Foundation-National Memorial Home fund drive in his state and has raised more than \$5,000 towards the state quota of \$7,500.

The Order Sons of Italy in America down through the years has forged to the front as the largest organization of its kind in the world because of the men of vision such as the Pallerias of the Order.

Barnacles

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

A 'barnacle' is a small shell fish that attaches itself to the bottom and sides of a ship and hangs on so tenaciously that it goes wherever the ship goes thus getting a free ride. Of no practical use whatsoever to the ship, its excess weight often impedes its progress. Not only does it slow down the speed of the ship, but often it interferes with its proper steering, and sometimes makes it actually immobile.

Our glorious Order could be compared to a ship. We might call it the S. S. OSIA, with its captain, the Supreme Venerable; its officers, the Supreme Council; its crew, the members. We can see it plowing its way through these United States and Canada, carrying its precious cargo of Fraternity, Equality and Liberty into every port it touches. On the whole its progress is smooth, swift and profitable. It attracts the admiration of all who see it because of the soundness of its structure, the excellence of its officers, the loyalty of its crew, and the noble purpose of its mission.

If the progress of the S. S. OSIA is not as swift or as smooth as it should be, the fault lies with the 'barnacle-members' of the Order. These are the self-seekers who will use the Order for their own selfish interests, to the detriment of the Order itself. They are free-riders, getting what they can from the Order, but contributing nothing to its welfare.

A 'barnacle-member' is one who fails to support the Order's social and cultural program, by neglecting to fight discrimination in the newspapers, radio and television; by not advancing the study of the Italian language and by not stimulating interest in Italian historical events.

He is a member who fails to attend Lodge meetings, and when a policy is formulated in his absence he is the first and the loudest to criticize.

He is the one who neglects to participate actively in Lodge activities; fails to pay his dues on time; fails to show proper enthusiasm for the Home in Washington by holding back his voluntary contribution.

He definitely is a 'barnacle-member' who brings opprobrium on his brothers and sisters in the Order by his unethical or immoral behavior; he causes others to judge the whole Order by his misbehavior.

What has all this got to do with religion? Everything! If you will not leave your religion on the pews in church, but take it with you in every area of your life, especially in the Order, you will never be accused of being a 'barnacle-member.'



FR. PALLOTTA

California Briefs

Antioch Lodge 52nd Birthday

ANTIOCH, Calif.—Third Assistant Grand Venerable Pat Mastrantonio was honored at the 52nd anniversary dinner sponsored by Cristoforo Colombo Lodge No. 1315 at the Fairgrounds Cafeteria.

Dominic Sigari and Charles Romani were co-chairmen of the event.

Golden Lion Lodge Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO — Members of Golden Lion Lodge No. 1728 sponsored a dinner held in the Sons of Italy Ballroom.

Speakers were Grand Deputy Anthony Sola, and his wife, Grand Trustee Fay Sola.

Ella LoBianco was general chairman. She was assisted by Harry Cimmarusti, Josephine Piazza, Carmella Barraco, Annie Weible, Annie Torpino, John Torpino, Domenic Piazza, Rochetta Vella, Mary Vella, Catherine Luzzi, Mary Cauchi, Annette Vella, Vi Weible, Mary Massino, Anna Macchia and Venerable Libby Zolfarelli.

D'Annunzio Lodge Picnic Draws Crowd

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—Members of Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge No. 1885 and their families

attended the lodge's annual picnic at Leroy Park in Guadalupe.

Also in attendance was a delegation from Guglielmo Marconi Lodge No. 1575, Lompoc, headed by Venerable Kenneth H. Main.

Venerable Ottorino Bettiga was chairman. Other members of the committee included R. Del Martini, Lina DelMartini, Sylvester and Annabelle Serafini, Dominick and Dolores Giudice, Billy Bognuda, Gene Groppetti, Anna Sorenson, Catherine Adami, Catherine Ferrar, Sylvester Serafini III, and Frances Bettiga.

San Leandro Lodge Auction

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—Officials of Aurora Lodge No. 1710 announce that an auction to raise funds for the National Memorial Home will highlight the November meeting.

Two turkeys will be auctioned and proceeds will go towards the lodge's quota in the Home drive.

The lodge is also planning a Christmas party for members.

Halloween Party At Downey

DOWNEY, Calif. — Downey Lodge No. 2083 sponsored its 2nd annual Halloween dinner and dance at the lodge hall.

Carlo Morabito and Bart Reitano were co-chairmen.

Chaplain Named For Connecticut Grand Lodge

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott of South Norwalk, speaking at the Connecticut Order's Columbus Day banquet here, announced the appointment of a Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge.

Grand Venerable Chariott named the Rev. A. Fred Constantine, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, to the office.

Other speakers and guests included Supreme Venerable and Mrs. John Ottaviano Jr., New Haven; Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, supreme deputy for Connecticut; Supreme Trustee Anthony M. Tapogna, Hartford; Past Grand Venerable Joseph Cubelli; Mayor Samuel J. Tedesco and Judge Otto LaMacchia.

Father Constantine said the invocation and Msgr. Emilio Iasiello, pastor of St. Raphael's Church, said the benediction.

Ex-Grand Venerable Domenick Cocco was toastmaster.

Hayward Lodge 2nd Anniversary

HAYWARD, Calif. — Members and friends of Enrico Fermi Lodge No. 2094 attended the lodge's second anniversary dinner held at French's Restaurant. Members of the lodge's bowling team were honored. Rosalie Douzos was in charge of tickets.

Rhode Island

Grand Lodge Honors Immigrants

PROVIDENCE — The Grand Lodge observed Columbus Day with a reception honoring Italian emigrants recently arrived in this State.

Speakers included Grand Venerable Luigi Scala and Dr. Guido Leopizzi, Italian vice consul.

The program included musical entertainment highlighted by several operatic arias sung by soprano Annamaria Saritelli and baritone Alphonse Pichetti.

The committee, Grand Venerable Scala and First Assistant Grand Venerable Raymond J. Pettine, co-chairmen; Vincent J. Baccari, Domenic Agostini, Vincent A. Ragosta, Luigi Conti, Vincent Bucci, Nicandro DiSandro, Mrs. Josephine D'Ambra, Nino DiSalle, Mrs. Flora Sciotti, Thomas J. Caldarone, Miss Elena Pilloni, chairman of arrangements; Miss Celia Almonte, Miss Angela Catallozzi and Miss Vella Costantino.

The Grand Lodge also participated in the city's dedication of Columbus Day.

U. S. Attorney Raymond J. Pettine, First Assistant Grand Venerable, was principal speaker at the Columbus monument.

Grand Trustee Thomas J. Caldarone spoke on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Other speakers in-

cluded Second Assistant Grand Venerable Vincent J. Baccari, for the Italian-American Welfare Council, and Grand Orator Vincent A. Ragosta, for the Italian-American War Veterans.

Gov. John A. Nette and Grand Venerable Scala were speakers at the Columbus Day banquet sponsored by Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge of Woonsocket in honor of U. S. Attorney Pettine, Joseph Di-Nunzio was chairman. Venerable Gemino Zinno welcomed the gathering.

Grand Venerable Scala was also speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon held in Newport.

Italian Class Starts Nov. 7 In Pawtucket

PAWUTUCKET, R. I. — Leo Turicchi, chairman of the Italian School Committee representing this city's three Sons of Italy lodges, announced registration for the Italian evening class will be held November 7. The class enters its third year. Alvio Ortis will again serve as instructor. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy recently awarded Brother Turicchi the Public Instruction Medal for his work in the diffusion of the study of Italian.

Proceeds Benefit Home Fund Drive

BOSTON—The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, celebrating its first full Columbus Day holiday, honored Gov. John A. Volpe at a dinner and turned over proceeds of the dinner to the Sons of Italy Foundation-National Memorial Home fund.

Speakers lauded Governor Volpe for his action earlier this year in signing into law legislation making October 12, Columbus Day, a full legal holiday.

Governor Volpe, a member of the Bay State Order for more than 30 years, is national chairman of the Order's campaign to raise funds for the erection of a National Home in Washington, D. C.

The dinner was also dedicated to the Centenary observance of Italy's unification as a free and independent nation.

Speakers were Ex-Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, U. S. Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Italian Vice Consul Paolo Campo, Deputy Mayor Henry Spagnoli and Governor Volpe.

Guests were introduced by First Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Miceli, general chairman. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Supreme Chaplain, said benediction, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Jacobbe, Grand Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio was toastmaster.

Gorrasi told his audience, "We are particularly proud this year because we celebrate Columbus Day as a full legal holiday.

"It took considerable courage for our governor to sign the bill making it a legal holiday. He needed no pressure . . . he signed the measure because he is a man of conviction and a man of ideals."

Gorrasi urged greater participation of Italo-Americans in politics so that they may contribute their talents and energies to the welfare of the nation.

"Tonight represents the culmination of the ideals of the Order. We witness a brother of the Order who is the governor of the Commonwealth," he said.

In noting Italy's Centenary observance this year, Senator Saltonstall commended Italy for its men of character and conviction, for its economic growth and as a defender of the free world.

Saltonstall praised Italy's leaders of the unification . . . Mazzini, Cavour and Garibaldi. Lauding the contributions being made to America by Americans of Italian origin, he said, "We have Governor Volpe, U. S. Rep. Silvio Conte, U. S. Sen. John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, Federal Judge Anthony Julian, Superior Court Judges Felix Forte and Frank Tomasello and many others who are contributing to this great nation of ours."

He said Italy's economic growth has increased as a member of the European Common Market.

"As a partner in NATO, Italy has stimulated activity in the defense of Europe.

"It is our hope that Italy will remain strong so that we can speak with strength and firmness at the peace tables of the world. We know we can count on the Italian people if it comes to bat-

tle, though we hope such will not happen.

"Italy is a strong, freedom loving country . . . and she has sent so many fine citizens to America," he said.

Governor Volpe told his audience:

"One of my pleasantest tasks as governor was to sign the law that made Columbus Day—fittingly—a state holiday. This recognition to the memory of the man who discovered America was long overdue. The Sons of Italy worked 40 years to accord this honor to Columbus."

"Columbus did more than discover a new land—he saved Europe from the dark night which had closed in on it . . . Europe was going into a steady decline. Learning and the arts stood still—and Christendom seemed to shrink . . .

"By his discovery of America, Columbus lifted Europe's eyes from doom—and lifted Europe's heart with hope. On the wings of that hope came the Renaissance—the greatest surge of faith, in learning, in the arts, that the world has ever seen."

In linking the dark days preceding the discovery of America and modern times, Volpe said:

"This is a world of crisis—each day thrusts a new problem upon us. And these problems are not only national problems . . . they are state problems and city problems and town problems. They are problems that affect each one of us. What can we do about them?"

"In our democratic society, we can be active or passive and no one punishes us. But especially in these troubled times, each one of us has a moral obligation to commit ourselves on the side of freedom, to defend our government and our way of life. We have a responsibility—each one of us—to preserve the special glory attached to the name—American.

"One way you can do this is to seek public responsibility and public office, or, if you do not wish to run for public office yourself, then support honest, competent men. I should like to see more good people of all extractions—especially Americans of Italian extraction taking a greater part in their government.

"The time to start is now. Do not be lost in a fog of indecision, saying to yourself that maybe tomorrow you'll do something about corruption in government, or perhaps some year you'll take an active part in elections. Tomorrow may never come and some year may be too late . . .

"I do not say it is an easy job to enter politics or to serve your government. It is not. For instance, it is impossible to please everyone. No matter what you do someone is bound to criticize. All you can do is to keep faith with yourself and with God—find out all you can about the problems you face, try to discover the best solutions for them, and then gird yourself with courage and determination to do the job."



BRIDGEPORT, CONN., LODGES RAISE \$250 FOR HOME DRIVE—Committee members for card party sponsored by Diritti e Doveri Lodge No. 266 and Stella Lodge No. 295 which netted proceeds of \$250 for the Sons of Italy Foundation—Home drive. From left to right, Grand Trustee Sal Oliva, Recording Secretary Julia Formichella, Venerable Andy Nuclera, Assistant Venerable Leonard Cocco and Venerable Mamie Piazza.

California 36th Birthday Aids Home Fund

SAN FRANCISCO — Ex-Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, city supervisor, was principal speaker at the 36th anniversary celebration of the California Order held in the Sons of Italy Ballroom.

Proceeds of the observance were turned over to the National Memorial fund drive.

Grand Venerable Daniel D'Amico of Long Beach was a speaker. Atty. Mario Paolini was master of ceremonies.

CANVASS

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Italy Foundation and the construction of our National Memorial Home as quickly as possible in the nation's capital, will mark the Order as a truly national organization.

"We as members must now realize that this is our project—our Foundation and our National Home—and its success rests on the shoulders of each member. If we are equal to the task, if each of us contributes just \$5.00, we cannot fail."

Marcello said the solicitation on the lodge level could be made even easier by having lodge chairmen kick off their drive at a lodge meeting. This would cut down on the number having to be called on at home, he said.

In addition to the house-to-house campaign, Marcello has also called on every Grand Lodge and every subordinate lodge to make their contribution as independent units.

"Through our State Chairmen we are calling on all Grand Lodges and subordinate lodges to purchase at least one Pillar of Marble Citation, (\$50 to \$499), or one Golden Certificate (\$500 or more)," he said.

"We anticipate the drive should be in full swing throughout the Order within a month's time. We will be receiving progress reports from state chairmen which will be published in OSIA NEWS," he concluded.

Sons of Italy Foundation

FUND TOPS \$73,300

More than \$73,000 has been raised towards the \$400,000 goal of the Sons of Italy Foundation for the proposed National Memorial Home to be erected in Washington, D. C.

Six state chairmen have remitted a total of \$511 to raise collections in the drive to \$73,310.26.

All state chairmen within the United States and Canada are putting into operation a House-to-House canvass of every member in an all-out effort to solicit \$5.00 per member to complete the national drive.

A merger of funds in the Home Account with the Sons of Italy Foundation Account, soon to be completed, will add to the current total.

Remittances were received from the following Grand Lodges:

Indiana

State Chairman Dominick J. Colone's remittance of \$25 raises Indiana's total to \$975. The state's quota is \$1,500

Michigan

Grand Venerable Joseph Bosco, state chairman, sent \$308 to the

Supreme Lodge office. Michigan members have now contributed \$500 towards a quota of \$1,500.

New York

Members of the New York Order have now contributed \$6,970.41 with the remittance of \$5 by State Chairman Andrew C. Bon giorno. The quota is \$15,000.

Ohio

A remittance of \$15 raises Ohio's total to \$1,798.67 towards its quota of \$15,000.

Pennsylvania

State Chairman John P. Crisconi Sr., sent \$158 for a total of \$11,363.31 raised in Pennsylvania. The quota is \$125,000.

West Aliquippa Lodge Plans Dinner

WEST ALIQUIPPA, Pa. — Members of Anita Garibaldi Lodge will hold a spaghetti dinner in the lodge hall on Election Day, Nov. 7. Announcement was made by Venerable Natalie Shafalo. The lodge will also place a sale candy for the Christmas holidays.

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